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There follows an explanation of the numbers listed below which correspond to those of the attached Cernavoda Canal project diagrams:

1. The cut of the canal. It frequently changes in some parts or areas when the sub-soil is found unsuitable. In such cases the cut is made at a more suitable site.
2. Two sites where excavations for the construction of dams has started because there is a difference in the height of the water level. According to unconfirmed information the height of the dams will be about four meters. The difference between the level of the Danube and the sea is six and four-tenths meters.
3. Part number three of the canal will have its water level at sea level.
4. Part number four will have its water level at the same level as the Danube.
5. The site where two electric power stations were constructed in April 1950. The smaller of the two will be used to supply current to the canal from Poarta Alba to the sea. The larger will be used to supply current to the excavators that are used on the canal.
6. The site where the new town of Poarta Alba has been constructed.
7. A concentration camp for political prisoners. About four thousand seven hundred inmates in this camp work at the canal, and more are expected to arrive.
8. The site of another concentration camp. The prisoners of this camp were moved to camp number seven. This camp is now being used as a Rumanian military training center with about three thousand recruits who work at the canal eight hours a day, and spend several hours per day in training. Rumanian and Soviet troops from time to time have firing practice at sea targets in this area.

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9. The site of another concentration camp for political prisoners who work at the canal. New prisoners arrive daily.
10. Mamaia Airdrome. Occupied by the Soviets. Nine light bombers (thought to be of the Boston type) were seen but no fighters. Fighters were seen, however, flying over the airdrome area, but their base was not at Mamaia.
11. The site where two moles are being constructed. They were started in 1938, but construction was halted during the war. Work was resumed in 1949. The condition of these moles is as follows:
 - a. The long eastern mole has reached a length of 1,700 meters. It will be 2,200 meters long. It is about twelve meters wide and about four meters high. Stones are placed on the gravel bed and cement blocks emplaced on top of the stones.
 - b. The western mole has the same height and width as the eastern mole. It has reached a length of about thirty meters at present; the final length of this mole is unknown.
 - c. Four other moles are to be constructed between the above two, according to a plan seen in the office of Engineer Popescu (nickname Popica), who is working on the port works of the canal. Popescu is working on the section of the port that is between the two moles (number eleven on the diagram). This port was named Midea.
 - d. The central offices of the branch where Engineer Popescu works are in the Grand Hotel on the corner of Stalin and Republicii Streets (formerly Carol and Ferdinand Streets). The section where Popescu works has the name Midea General Directorate-Midea Branch.
12. The site where an anti-aircraft battery of four 32 mm. guns has been permanently installed on old German emplacements. A naval observatory and a frontier guard post (two men with observation instruments, battery field glasses, and a searchlight) have been placed on the terrace of the 7 of May (formerly Rex) Hotel in the village of Mamaia. The field glasses are used by the two frontier guards; the searchlight is manned by two sailors.
13. Projects near the port of Constanta. (see attached diagram of number thirteen).
 - a. The former Greek school Elpis which lies within a wire fence.
 - (1) The site where a teleneter was seen; work began here during the middle of July 1950.
 - (2) The site where excavations took place for the construction of five or six permanent battery emplacements (circular and concrete), of which one has been completed. Work began here during the middle of July 1950.
 - b. A space with a board fence around it. The following were seen in this space:
 - (1) Four 75 mm. old type naval guns which were permanently installed before the war. The emplacements are of concrete, and each has a six mm. thick steel shield before it.
 - (2) One anti-aircraft 75 mm. naval gun.
 - (3) An unknown project was underway during the night at this point. Pavements of concrete are being constructed by Rumanian soldiers.

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c. A space with a board fence around it. Trees have been planted at this site, where the Girls Technical High School was formerly located. The high school is now used as a seamen's school. The following were seen in this space:

(1) Three sites for permanent anti-aircraft guns of the German FAAK (sic) type.

(2) The former high school building.

d. Reservoir for railroad use.

14. [redacted] coastal batteries have been installed at this site since the beginning of 1950. The numbers and types are unknown. 50X1-HUM

15. The site where the Rumanian Carol battery was permanently installed during the war for coastal use. There are four 75 mm. guns there now.

16. The site where coastal batteries with underground stores were in use at the time of the German Occupation. The Germans had the Tirpitz Artillery unit here. These permanent emplacements were cleaned in 1950 [redacted] new guns are to be installed. 50X1-HUM

17. An anti-aircraft battery; guns are believed to be small.

18. A new standard gauge railroad is under construction. The construction has reached the town of Ovidiu, about 32 kilometers. It will be extended to the port of Midea.

19. A new two-way road is under construction which will extend from the village of Castelul to the port of Midea. It has been finished and paved with asphalt from Castelul to the new Poarta Alba. Work is underway.

20. The city of Constanta.

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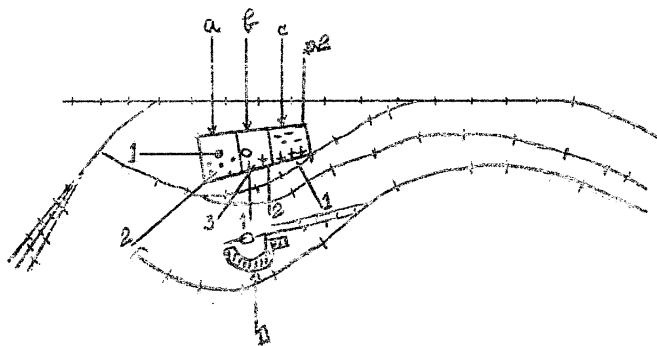
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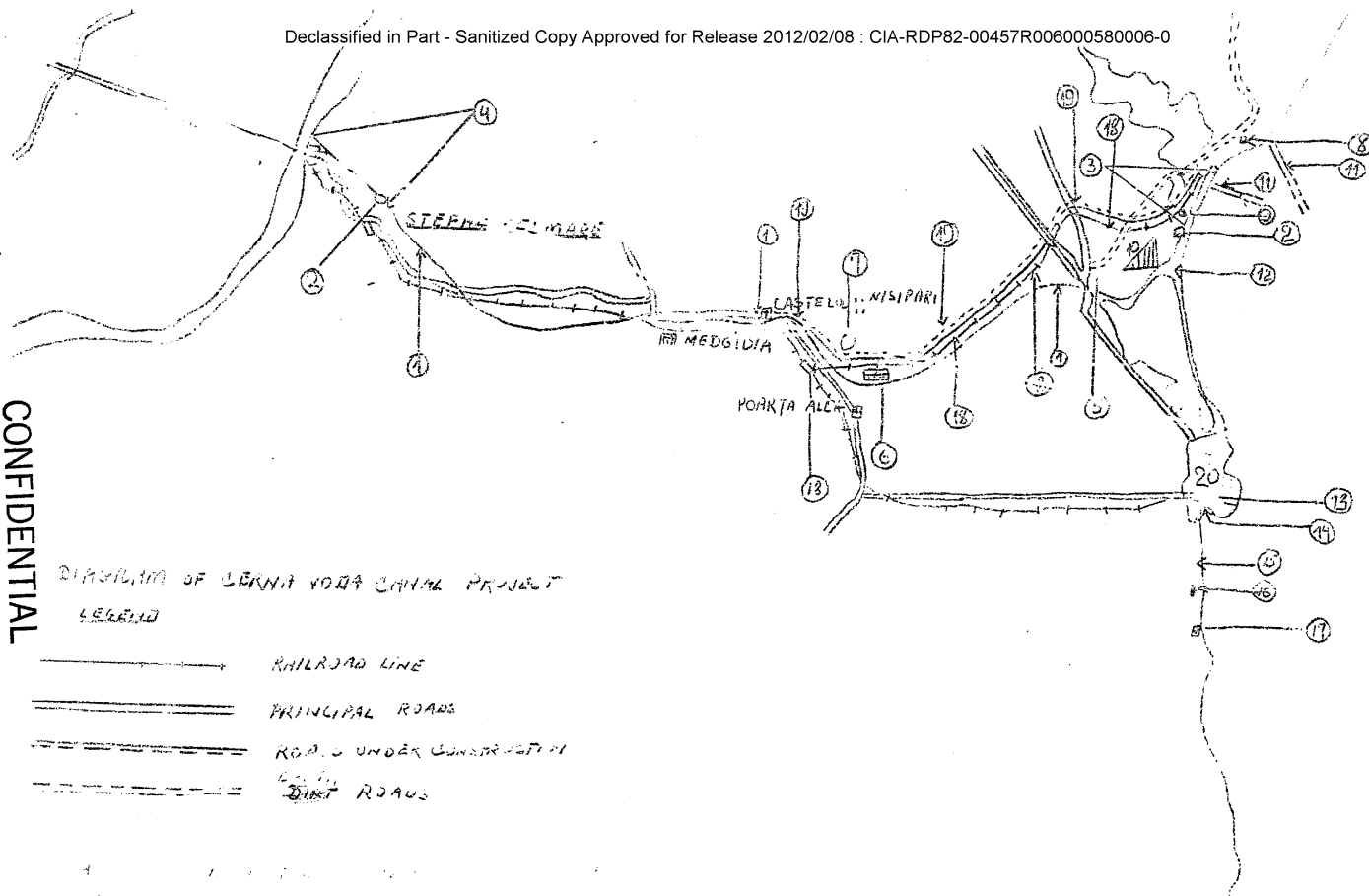


DIAGRAM OF SENNA YODA CANAL PROJECT

LEGEND

- RAILROAD LINE
- ==== PRINCIPAL ROADS
- - - - - ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- DIST. ROADS

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